

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending. Claims 13-26 are allowed. Independent claim 1 is amended. The remaining claims are unchanged.

In the Office Action, the following rejections were made:

- Claims 1, 4-9 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by Brown et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,295,643).
- Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious in view of Brown et al. and Beadle et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,433,794).

Applicant's attorney thanks Examiner Parton for discussing the amendment to claim 1 in the interview of June 4, 2004. In that interview, Applicant's attorney and Examiner Parton agreed that newly amended claim 1 should be allowable for similar reasons as allowed claims 13 and 26. The cited art fails to disclose or suggest the virtual machine configurable to function as a browsable virtual machine, as defined in the claims.

Brown fails to disclose or suggest the subject matter defined in the claims. Instead of configuring a virtual machine to be browsable, Brown teaches the storing of state information generated during execution of an application, followed by loading the stored state information in the JVM during a subsequent execution. (col. 7, lines 30-50). Beadle similarly offers no teaching or suggestion of a browsable virtual machine. As explained in the Preliminary Amendment of August 12, 2004, Beadle only describes techniques for selecting one of several virtual machines. Beadle fails to disclose or suggest how to configure any of these virtual machines to function as a browsable virtual machine, unlike the claims of the present invention. Thus, Beadle would fail to cure the deficiencies of Brown assuming Beadle could be combined with Brown under 35 USC §103(a).

In the interview, Applicant's attorney also noted that claims 27-42 were added in the Preliminary Amendment of August 12, 2004. The Examiner acknowledged the addition of those claims.

Dependent claims 2-12 and 27-36 are dependent upon claim 1 and are, therefore, patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 37-42 depend from claim 13 and are, therefore, patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 13.

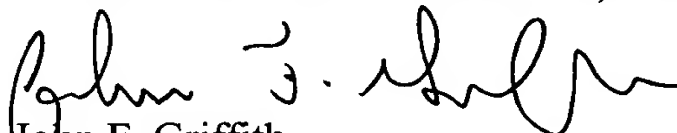
CONCLUSION

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, Applicant submits that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicant's attorney can be reached at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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